

REMARKS

Formal Matters

Claims 15-18 and 26 are pending.

Species election

In response to the Species Election set forth in the Office Action, the Applicants elect **SEQ ID NO:1** for prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

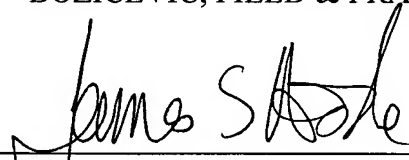
CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number SWMC-001DIV.

Respectfully submitted,
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